

The Brethren Church of Linwood has a short history. It's traditional rural church building represents less than ninety years of formal religious organization, although before this time undoubtedly groups met informally to profess their faith. The small church sits in the town of Linwood, itself very little changed over the years.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

The Brethren Church of Linwood

AND/OR COMMON

The Brethren Church of Linwood

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

McKinstry Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Linwood

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

11

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Carroll

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☒ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Linwood United Brethren Church

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

McKinstry Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Linwood

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

21764

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE, Carroll County Office Building  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. (exempt record)

Liber #:

Folio #: None

STREET &amp; NUMBER

225 North Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE

1905

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

**EXTERIOR-** Linwood Brethren Church sits among trees perched on a small hill facing west towards Frederick County. It lies just south of the town Linwood,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile off Maryland 75, between Union Bridge and New Windsor. It is a one-story, primarily rectangular, block building, with shallow side wings and a front entrance and tower. Brick pattern is American Bond; low stone foundation is coursed rubble. Painted arch windows are around the entire structure and are of stained glass. Basement windows are four-pane. The gable, shingled roof ends in eaves that shelter diamond shaped air vents. The brick and wood tower of Victorian and Gothic inspiration, has an open belfry, and ends in a sharp point. One corbelled chimney sits on back of the rectangle, but seems not to attend to an interior fireplace or stove.

**INTERIOR-** The nave itself is a rectangular room that is reached after entering a small narthex from the west.

Decoratively carved wood pews run twelve deep, with a center aisle and extremely thin, almost inaccessible side aisles. Wooden floors are exposed, save for a runner down the middle aisle. Thin wooden wainscot and above plaster walls lead to a gambrel-type, decoratively moulded plaster ceiling.

The entire chancel, which includes alter and choir area, is elevated and framed with wooden spindel tracery on the uppermost part of the dividers. There is a single, central, wood carved pulpit.

On either side of the nave, a separate room is formed from the shallow wing protrusion. One is a study room, the other extra choir space. The exterior side wall of these wings are adorned with stained glass windows; contained within a wide pointed arch, brick design. Walls of the nave have two-bays of stained glass each with similar stained glass patterns --floral and geometric designs, rather than a religious, figural style.

All doors are panelled wood including front entrance, whose pointed arch design is topped with glass patterns as well as set in a progressively corbelled arch (pointed).

The basement is recent, with a kitchen and Sunday School Room.

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Similar to CARR. -159, Emmanuel Baust, the Linwood Church is similar in theme, according to the tradition of county church buildings in the early 1900's. Very slight variations of this theme which consist of brickwork, glasswork, tower pointed arches, etc. were changed in the Linwood design. Primarily the difference is the layout and shapes of the building. The point is that though these churches are similar in appearances, they each represent a religious history that varies greatly. The Baust Church's long history of progression seems ancient, compared with the Linwood Church.

In April of 1894, a Sunday School was organized by the community and opened to the public in a local "warehouse". It grew until thought had to be given to building a new structure. Land was bought and a hall was built in 1898, to house a Sunday School and worship, as well as community functions and another school. The Sunday School, at least continued here until 1918, well after the church was built. The Brethren Church of Linwood was organized in 1903 as an outgrowth of the Sunday School and the present building was constructed and dedicated in 1905. The parsonage property was purchased in 1924.

The organization of this church probably has its roots in the separation from the "mother" church (Brethren) at Berlin, Pennsylvania, in 1880, when a movement all over the "Brotherhood" culminated in 1881.

Although the Brethren Church is almost the same as the Church of the Brethren in doctrine and liturgy, they differ in a few things. Church of the Brethren history will be discussed in CARR. -111.

As a direct result of that break. The Linwood Church built in 1903 was an independant maneuver of the community in and around the Linwood area.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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by J. Ralph Bonsack
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- Democratic Advocate 2-26-37
- 3) "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Linwood Brethren Church", Oct 8-9, 1955

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

STATE

COUNTY

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CITY OR TOWN Westminster

STATE

Maryland

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